



# MINUTES

## HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, February 26, 2021 | 4:00 p.m. | 2110 State Office Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Chair  
Rep. Susan Pulsipher, Vice Chair  
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard  
Rep. Craig Hall  
Rep. Dan N. Johnson  
Rep. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Jefferson Moss  
Rep. Val L. Peterson  
Rep. Adam Robertson

Rep. Steve Waldrip  
Rep. Elizabeth Weight

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Kera Birkeland  
Rep. Karen Kwan  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**Staff Present:**

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst  
Daniel Ryan, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Pulsipher moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2021. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. C. Watkins

**1 . H.B. 378 Education Standards Review Committee Amendments (Last, B.)**

Rep. Last presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ballard moved to pass H.B. 378 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. C. Watkins

**MOTION:** Rep. Ballard moved to place H.B. 378 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. C. Watkins

**MOTION:** Rep. Ballard moved to reconsider action to place H.B. 378 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. C. Watkins

**MOTION:** Rep. Ballard moved to withdraw action to place on consent calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. C. Watkins

**2 . H.B. 425 Education Monitoring and Funds Management Amendments (Snow, V. L.)**

Rep. Snow presented the bill with the assistance of Mark Huntsman, Chair, Utah State Board of Education (USBE), Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent, USBE.

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, USBE, and David Damschen, State Treasurer, answered questions from the committee.

Cynthia Phillips, State Charter School Board, spoke in favor of the bill.

Royce Van Tassel, Executive Director, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lexi Cunningham, Utah Schools Superintendents Association (USSA) and Utah School Boards Association (USBA), spoke in favor of the bill.

Kimberly Frank, Utah Charter Network, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ballard moved to replace H.B. 425 with 1st Substitute H.B. 425. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-11

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. C. Watkins

**MOTION:** Rep. Robertson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 425 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-11

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. C. Watkins

**3 . S.B. 169 School and Institutional Trust Fund Office Amendments (*Wilson, C.*)**

Sen. Chris Wilson presented the bill with the assistance of David Damschen, State Treasurer, and Tim Donaldson, Director of Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office.

**MOTION:** Rep. Robertson moved to pass S.B. 169 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-8

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. C. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-7

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. C. Watkins

**4 . S.B. 178 Education Deadline and Fiscal Flexibility (*Fillmore, L.*)**

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore presented the bill.

John Dougall, State Auditor, spoke to the bill.

Royce Van Tassel, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lexi Cunningham, USSA and USBA, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Johnson moved to pass S.B. 178 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-8

- Rep. M. Ballard
- Rep. C. Hall
- Rep. D. Johnson
- Rep. C. Moss
- Rep. S. Pulsipher
- Rep. A. Robertson
- Rep. S. Waldrip
- Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-7

- Rep. K. Birkeland
- Rep. K. Kwan
- Rep. B. Last
- Rep. J. Moss
- Rep. V. Peterson
- Rep. V. Snow
- Rep. C. Watkins

**MOTION:** Rep. Waldrip moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-8

- Rep. M. Ballard
- Rep. C. Hall
- Rep. D. Johnson
- Rep. C. Moss
- Rep. S. Pulsipher
- Rep. A. Robertson
- Rep. S. Waldrip
- Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-7

- Rep. K. Birkeland
- Rep. K. Kwan
- Rep. B. Last
- Rep. J. Moss
- Rep. V. Peterson
- Rep. V. Snow
- Rep. C. Watkins

Chair Pulsipher adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.